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**Governor McCallum Appoints Herrera**

Governor Scott McCallum announced on March 30, 2001, that he had appointed Oscar Herrera as the Secretary of the Department of Regulation and Licensing. Herrera has served sixteen years in state government including

from 1999 to the time of his appointment as the Director of the Bureau of Minority Business Development in the Department of Commerce. From 1992 to 1998 he was the Director of the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program in the Department of Administration, and from 1985 to 1991 worked as a program and planning analyst with the Coastal Management Program. He was twice awarded the Department of Administration's Exceptional Performance Award.

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Herrera was born and raised in Mexico City. He obtained a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the National University of Mexico and a Master's degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Chapingo in Mexico. He also attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he obtained a Master's degree in Continuing and Vocational Education and completed Doctoral studies (Ph.D.abd) in Development.

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### Secretary Herrera Appoints Hildebrand

On June 1, 2001, Secretary Oscar Herrera appointed Katharine Hildebrand as the new Director of the Bureau of Business and Design Professions. Ms. Hildebrand comes to the Department of Regulation and Licensing from the Office of the Governor where she worked since 1999. She served on the Education Policy Team under former Governor Tommy Thompson, and became Education Policy Advisor for Governor Scott McCallum. Ms. Hildebrand grew up in Neenah, and earned her Bachelor's degree from Smith College in Massachusetts.

### Board Members Reappointed

Former Governor Tommy Thompson reappointed Herbert Garn (Middleton) to the Professional Hydrologists Section. His 4-year term will expire July 1, 2004. Mr. Garn is Chief of the Hydrologic Studies and Data Section of the US Geological Survey.

Governor Scott McCallum reappointed the following Board members:

Tracy Benzel (Mercer) as a member of the Professional Soil Scientists Section. His 4-year term will expire July 1, 2005. Mr. Benzel is Consulting Soil Scientist of Benzel Soil Services.

Robert Karnauskas (Pewaukee) as a member of the Professional Hydrologist Section. His 4-year term will expire July 1, 2005. Mr. Karnauskas is President and Principal Hydrogeologist for Natural Resource Technology, Inc.

David Mickelson (Madison) as a member of the Professional Geologists Section. His 4-year term will expire July 1, 2005. Dr. Mickelson is a Professor with the UW-Madison Department of Geology and Geophysics.

### Current Licensing Statistics

The following is the number of active licensees as of November 8, 2001:

Professional Geologists	1,032
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Professional Hydrologists	177
Professional Soil Scientists	187
Geology Firms	18
Hydrology Firms	4
Soil Science Firms	2

### Certificate of Authorizations

Firms, partnerships or corporations practicing professional geology, hydrology or soil science are required to obtain a **Certificate of Authorization**. A separate Certificate of Authorization is required for geology, hydrology and soil science. The certificate must be renewed by February 1<sup>st</sup> of the even-numbered year. February 1, 2002 is the next renewal deadline.

In addition to the credential issued by the appropriate Section of the Examining Board of Professional Geologists, Hydrologists and Soil Scientists, a corporation must also register with the Department of Financial Institutions. You must contact that agency directly to obtain the registration materials at (608) 261-9555, or write to them at:

Department of Financial Institutions  
Div. of Corporations and Consumer Services  
P.O. Box 7846  
Madison, WI 53707

To request the application packet, "Information Regarding the Application For Certificate of Authorization", please call our application request line at (608) 266-5511.

### Requirements to Sit for Fundamentals of Geology Examination

College seniors are eligible to take the Fundamentals of Geology (FG) examination, which is the first step in the process to qualify for a Wisconsin geologist license. Eligibility for the Principles of Geology (PG) examination requires several years of practice after obtaining a bachelor's degree. The National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) offers the examinations twice annually in March and September, and the examinations are given at the Department of Regulation and Licensing offices in Madison.

Eligibility for the Fundamentals of Geology examination requires that an applicant be at least a second semester senior with at least 24 semester hours or 36 quarter hours of course credits in geology in a bachelor program from an accredited program meeting requirements defined in GHSS 2.05, or have four years of experience which is determined by the Professional geologist Section to meet the requirements of GHSS 2.04(1). More information can be found in the brochure "Becoming a Professional Geologist in Wisconsin: A Student Guide", which is available from the Department of Regulation and Licensing and Wisconsin schools with geology programs.

### **New Plans for the FG Examination**

The National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) recently announced its support for use of the Fundamentals of Geology (FG) examination as an evaluative tool for colleges and universities. The exam was developed by ASBOG and is used in 26 states for registration of professional geologists.

Under the ASBOG proposal, seniors in school geology programs would take the exam and report school affiliation. Schools would then receive cumulative reports on how students performed in the various topics covered by the exam. These performance profiles would allow schools to identify relative strengths and weaknesses in curricular areas. Schools could also use the reports in obtaining accreditation for programs.

Wisconsin is currently considering the ASBOG initiative, and has queried Wisconsin schools with geology programs regarding interest in use of the FG examination in this manner. Further information regarding ASBOG and use of the FG by schools can be obtained on the ASBOG website ([www.asbog.org](http://www.asbog.org)).

## **PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS SECTION NEWS**

### Section Meeting Dates in 2002

February 20, June 19, October 23

All meetings are held at 1400 East Washington Avenue, Madison WI. Meetings are open to the public. Meeting dates are subject to change.

### Examination Dates for 2002

<u>Exam Dates</u>	<u>Deadline for Applications</u>
March 15	January 15
October 4	August 4

## **PROFESSIONAL HYDROLOGISTS SECTION NEWS**

### Section Meeting Dates in 2002

January 22, May 21, September 24

All meetings are held at 1400 East Washington Avenue, Madison WI. Meetings are open to the public. Meeting dates are subject to change.

### Examination Dates for 2002

<u>Exam Dates</u>	<u>Deadline for Applications</u>
May 10	March 10
November 8	September 8

## **PROFESSIONAL SOIL SCIENTISTS SECTION NEWS**

### Section Meeting Dates in 20 02

February 26, June 25, October 22

All meeting are held at 1400 East Washington Avenue, Madison WI. Meetings are open to the public. Meeting dates are subject to change.

### Examination Dates for 2002

<u>Exam Dates</u>	<u>Deadline for Applications</u>
March 23	January 23
October 5	August 5

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**(608) 266-5511**

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Copies of the Wisconsin Statutes and Administrative Code Relating to the Regulation of Professional Geologists, Hydrologists and Soil Scientists may be ordered from the Department. Include your name, address, county and a

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